

8. Wheresoever the *reformed* gospel was preached it brought forth seditions, tumults, rebellions, &c. as appears from all the histories of those times. Insomuch, that in France alone the *reformed* gospellers, besides innumerable other outrages, are said to have destroyed no less than twenty thousand churches. *Jerusalem and Babel*, p. 158. How little does such a *reformation* resemble the first establishment of the church of Christ?

9. The fruits of the *reformation* were such as could not spring from a good tree. 1. An innumerable spawn of heresies. 2. Endless dissensions. 3. A perpetual itch of changing and inconstancy in their doctrine. 4. Atheism, Deism, Latitudinarianism, and barefaced impiety: in fine, a visible change of manners for the worse, as many of their own writers freely acknowledge, and old Erasmus long ago objected to them, *Ep. ad Vul. tur.* where he defies them to show him one who had been reclaimed from vice by going over to their religion; and declares he never yet met with one who did not change for the worse.

10. That religion is best to live in, which is the safest to die in, and that in the judgment of dying men, who are not like to be biassed at that time by interest, humour or passion. Now it is certain, that thousands who had lived Protestants have desired to die Catholics, and never yet one that had lived a Catholic desired to die a Protestant; therefore it must be safest for us to stay where we are.

11. That religion is preferable to all others, the doctrine and preaching of which is, and always has been, more forcible and efficacious in order to the taking off men's minds from the perishable goods of this world and fixing them wholly upon the great business of eternity; but such is the doctrine and preaching of the Catholic church, as appears from those multitudes of holy solitaries in our church that have retired from all the advantages to which their fortune or birth entitled them, and abandoned all earthly hopes for the love of heaven. Whereas the *reformation* has never yet produced any such fruits.